

## Assembly Bill No. 1250

### CHAPTER 346

An act to amend Section 44579.1 of the Education Code, relating to teachers.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1250, Laird. Teacher development: intolerance and hatred prevention.

Existing law, the Instructional Time and Staff Development Reform Program authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction, each fiscal year, to provide each eligible school district, county office of education, and charter school with a staff development allowance for up to 3 days for each certificated classroom teacher, and for up to one day for each classified classroom instructional aide and certificated teaching assistant who participates in staff development instructional methods, including among other things, teaching strategies and other training designed to improve pupil performance.

This bill would additionally authorize the allowance to be used for training designed to improve intolerance and hatred prevention.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 44579.1 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44579.1. (a) There is hereby established the Instructional Time and Staff Development Reform Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that this program enhance staff development opportunities for classroom personnel, but this article may not be construed to provide the sole source of funding for staff development activities for school personnel or to limit in any way the amount or type of staff development that is provided to school district personnel from other resources.

(b) The State Department of Education shall submit draft regulations for the purpose of implementing this article to the State Board of Education for its review and approval. The State Board of Education shall adopt regulations for the purpose of implementing this article pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(c) (1) Each fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall provide each eligible school district and county office of education applying for a grant pursuant to this article with a staff development allowance of two hundred seventy dollars (\$270) per day, adjusted annually commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year for the inflation adjustment calculated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 42238.1, for up to three days, for each certificated classroom teacher and one hundred forty dollars (\$140) per day, adjusted annually commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year for the inflation adjustment calculated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 42238.1, for up to one day for each classified classroom instructional aide and certificated teaching assistant who participates in staff development instructional methods, including teaching strategies, classroom management and other training designed to improve pupil performance, conflict resolution, intolerance and hatred prevention, and academic content in the core curriculum areas that are provided by the school district or county office of education.

(2) Each fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall provide each eligible charter school applying for a grant pursuant to this article with a staff development allowance of two hundred seventy dollars (\$270) per day, adjusted annually commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year for the inflation adjustment calculated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 42238.1, for up to three days, for each classroom teacher and one hundred forty dollars (\$140) per day adjusted annually commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year for the inflation adjustment calculated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 42238.1, for up to one day for each classroom instructional aide and assistant who participates in staff development instructional methods, including teaching strategies, classroom management, and other training designed to improve pupil performance, conflict resolution, intolerance and hatred prevention, and academic content in the core curriculum areas that are provided by the charter school.

(d) To be eligible for a grant pursuant to this article, the staff development program provided by the school district, charter school, or county office of education shall meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Meet local educational priorities as defined by the governing board of the school district, charter school, or county board of education.

(2) Be consistent with regulations defining staff development activities eligible to receive funding under this section.

(e) To qualify as a funded participant, each eligible participant shall be present for the full staff development day, and records of attendance shall be maintained in a manner to be prescribed in regulations. Each staff development day shall be at least as long as the full-time instructional workday for certificated or classified instructional



employees of the school district. For purposes of this section, a single staff development day may be conducted over several calendar days.

(f) (1) Except as provided pursuant to paragraph (2), if the staff development day is conducted after completion of an instructional day, it may not be held on a minimum day for which a parent or guardian was notified pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 48980.

(2) For staff working in multitrack, year-round schools, not more than two staff development days may be scheduled for “off track” teachers at a school with a minimum day scheduled. In this event, teachers at the multitrack, year-round school who are being paid for service on the minimum days are not eligible for that day of funding under this article.

(g) Notwithstanding Section 45203, probationary and permanent employees in the classified service may not receive regular pay on days during which staff development is offered pursuant to this article unless they are required to report for duty on those days.

(h) A charter school may be eligible to receive funding under this chapter only if the school certifies that it meets the minimum instructional time requirements applicable to school districts.

(i) This section shall be operative in any fiscal year only to the extent that funds are provided for its purposes in the annual Budget Act.

